

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

The Office Action mailed April 3, 2009 noted that claims 17, 18, and 21-32 were pending, rejected claims 29 and 31, and allowed claims 17, 18, 21-28, 30, and 32. Claims 29 and 31 are cancelled. No claims are amended. No new claims are added. No new matter is believed to be presented.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 17, 18, 21-28, 30, and 32 are pending and under consideration.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Office Action, on page 3, rejected claims 29 and 31 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamada and Lindoff. Claims 29 and 31 are cancelled and withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action, on page 7, noted that claims 17, 18, 21-28, 30, and 32 were allowable.

Summary

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.


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If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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